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FAIRSTEAD TRUST REPORT 2019

In February 1818 a triangular piece of land known as Botesdale Green at Back Hills was enclosed by Act of Parliament. Hitherto, the land had been accessible to commoners for grazing livestock and for subsistence gathering of turf and firewood. As an indemnity against the loss of this communal resource a charity was established to manage the proceeds from the commercial letting of this land.

Each year the Fairstead Trust has about £1000 to allocate for the general benefit of the inhabitants of Botesdale or for the benefit of persons in need.

Residents of Botesdale considering making an application can do so by informal approaches to any of the Trustees or by writing to the Secretary.

The Trustees meet in January and July to consider requests from individuals or organisations that meet the criteria of the Trust. Further information is available on the Clubs and Organisations link on the Botesdale Parish Council website.

In the last year the Trust has allocated £175 to parishioner as a contribution toward the purchase and installation of carpeting in her home.

The Trustees are the Rev Chris Norburn (Chairman), Philip Miles, Tim Holt-Wilson, Peter Beck, Lottie Clements and Simon Gowen.

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Secretary